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Examiner: Matthew Van Nguyen
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER


Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following documents:

- ☒ Supplemental Response to Office Action mailed September 25, 2003;
- ☒ One sheet of corrected drawings consisting of Figs. 1-3; and
- ☒ Return Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 03524-512. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED
SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

A. Introductory Comments

This document is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003 and supplements the response filed February 24, 2004.

Drawings

The September 25, 2003 Office Action indicates that Figures 1-3 should be designated by a legend such as -Prior Art--. In the Applicants February 24, 2004 response, the Applicants indicated that they were submitting attached corrected drawings. However, the Applicants' representative inadvertently did not include the corrected drawings. Thus, the Applicants now submit the attached corrected drawings, i.e., replacement sheets including Figures 1-3, with the legend -Prior Art-inserted. In light of the corrected drawings, the Applicants respectfully assert that the objection to the drawings is traversed.

Applicants enclosed with the February 24, 2004 Response a Petition for a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a \$420.00 check as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2). With that extension of time, the February 24, 2004 Response was due on February 25, 2003. Per MPEP 714.03, the Applicant asserts that a bona fide attempt was made to submit a fully responsive amendment. Thus, Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this filing. However, should a further extension of time be required, Applicants request such an extension of time and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that

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may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Ref. No. 03524-512, **Customer Number 30623**.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the application.

If there are any questions regarding this supplemental response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 03524-512.

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